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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Investors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

<i>U.S. PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE</i>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/826,021
	<i>Filing Date</i>	April 4, 2001
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Wanlie Zheng <i>et al.</i>
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3772
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	Ciric, L.V.
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	6845-28 (147690)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

1. <u>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</u>
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
2. <u>Miscellaneous</u>
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____
3. <u>Fees</u> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (fee for claims)
a. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the indicated fees to Deposit Account No. _____
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$733.00</u> is attached to cover the fees (small entity) for the RCE, the extension and the fee for claims.
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment made, to Deposit Account No. <u>50-0573</u> .

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